

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated May 18, 2007 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered. Claims 4, 6-10, 14, 16 and 17 remain pending in the application after amendment.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 4, 6-10, 14, 16 and 17. Claim 13 is the only pending claim subject to rejection. More particularly, Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,731,741 to Yamamoto et al. Without acquiescence to the rejection of Claim 13 or the Office's rationale in support of the rejection, the Applicant has cancelled Claim 13 by way of the present amendment to facilitate prosecution of the application. The Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application(s) on subject matter of any of the cancelled claims or otherwise supported by the original Specification.

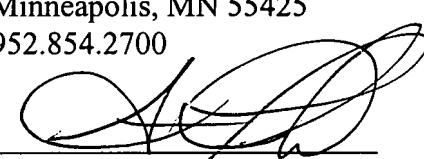
The Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment made herein places the application in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (NKO.016.US) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him to discuss any issues related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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